

## THE ENGLISH LADY AND THE DOCTOR.

Medical Journals on the Cel-  
Kitson-Play-  
Case.

Position in Which  
the Physician as a Member  
of the Family Was Placed.

Hippocrates's Oath That Binds His  
Disciples from Divulging Secrets  
of the Sick Room.

POSSIBLE MISDIRECTION IN COURT.

But This Memorable Trial Fortifies the  
Great Doctrine That Has Made the  
Profession Trusted as a Keeper  
of Confidences.

By Julian Ralph.

London, April 1.—The English public is anxiously awaiting the view the *Lancet* will take on the Kitson-Playfair case. The advance sheets sent to the journal reveal the disappointing fact that the editor holds that since the case has gone to appeal "we are precluded from discussing at the present juncture the merits of this remarkable case."

The *Lancet* contents itself with a historical resume of the facts, and adds that from a medical point of view the case is one of surpassing interest. Having mentioned a certain point that is of surpassing interest to the disciples of Hippocrates, it turns to the subject of professional etiquette.

"Concerning this phase," says the *Lancet*, "we take occasion to recognize generally the gratifying tone of the organs of public opinion in their comments on the behavior by the great body of the medical profession of the delicate duties incidental to its vocation."

OPEN TO CONTENTION.

As to the law suit, the editor says it is open to contention—

"1. That the communication made by Dr. Playfair to Sir J. Kitson, was privileged.

"2. That there was misdirection by the judge who tried the case.

"3. That the verdict was against the weight of evidence, and

"4. That the damages were excessive.

"There is no need to anticipate the course of procedure. When the litigation is terminated it will be our duty to offer a general criticism on the case, in so far as it affects the interests of our profession and the public."

The British Medical Journal has also kindly sent to the New York Journal the advance proofs of its comments on the case. The substance of these comments is as follows:

"We cannot but point out for the consideration of the profession that Dr. Playfair was placed throughout in a position of cruel difficulty, one in which his duties as between physician and patient, were conflicting. The confidence of the consulting room and sick chamber are of a very sacred nature.

THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES.  
"The oath of Hippocrates, which typifies our modern ethical code, makes every physician declare:

"I swear that whatever in connection with my professional practice I see or hear in the life of man that ought not to be spoken of abroad I will not divulge, recognizing that all such should be kept secret. While I continue to keep my oath inviolate may it be granted to me to enjoy the life and practice of an art respected by all men at all times. But should I trespass and violate the oath, may the reverse be my lot."

The editor finds Dr. Playfair's position peculiar because the patient is a member of his family, and the facts that he discovered and the conclusion he arrived at were such as to effect the relations existing between the different members of the family.

It seems to have been assumed that Dr. Playfair was aware that Mrs. Kitson was receiving an allowance from her brother-in-law, Sir James, which on Dr. Playfair's disclosure was withdrawn. This appears to have been an incorrect assumption.

SYMPATHY WITH PLAYFAIR.  
The Medical Journal goes on to say: "Summarizing these conclusions, it may be thought that grounds may be found for regarding Dr. Playfair's position in a much more favorable light than either the attitude of the judge or jury may sug-

gest of law. For our own part, feeling of sympathy with Dr. Playfair, as to his proper line of conduct, calling with such painfully conflicting duties as those with which his path was beset, we find nothing in the circumstances to reflect severely, either on his clinical acumen or moral rectitude. Never before, so far as we know, has the tradition of medical secrecy been so severely tested. Dr. Playfair had to balance the grand traditions of medical confidences against the duties between relative and relative. We find it difficult to say how any other man, placed in a similar position, would have acted, and we have yet to learn that those who condemn him so freely would not have taken the same course.

"One thing is certain—this memorable and most painful trial strengthens and fortifies the great doctrine which has long made the medical profession one that is everywhere trusted and respected as the keeper and confessor of family confidence. But it does so at a tremendous cost to an individual who was certainly guiltless of any evil intent, and who acted, we fully believe, from the purest motives under a strong sense of duty which compelled him, in his opinion, to treat this case as a legitimate exception to the general rule."

MRS. MAYBRICK'S HOPES.

Mrs. Kitson May Take an Active Part in Trying to Persuade the Home Secretary to Pardon the Prisoner.

By Julian Ralph.

London, April 1.—A new Maybrick committee has been formed, as a result of a split in the old committee.

Mr. Arthur Kitson, whose wife brought the suit against Dr. Playfair, is a member of this committee, and it is likely that when Mrs. Kitson recovers her health she will take a very conspicuous and active part in trying to obtain the release of Mrs. Maybrick.

Mr. Henry Seymour, secretary of the new committee, said to-day: "Much as the split is to be deplored, some of the difficulties that caused it have been removed, and we hope that the two bodies will soon reunite. We shall then present a strong front."

"The programme of the new committee is to meet three weeks hence and arrange a plan of action. They will first express disapproval of the Home Secretary's course and declare that justice is not being done in this and other cases. We do not believe that he has thoroughly gone into the case and is astounded at his decision. Either he is influenced by Mrs. Maybrick's enemies or has secret evidence unknown to the public. If this is so, it might break down the slightest breath of criticism."

"We cannot get the Home Secretary to indicate whether we should move on the ground that Mrs. Maybrick was accused of murder or for the administration and attempted administration of arsenic with felonious intent. Therefore we are obliged to cover the whole ground, lest some minor point swaying the Home Secretary may keep her in prison. The Home Secretary has refused an interview to one legal representative."

"The confinement is telling on Mrs. Maybrick, yet she is still in fairly good health. It is only the committee's efforts and their continued hopes that keep her up."

"Her mother has not been to visit her recently. She only goes once in six months."

Mrs. Seymour confidently predicts that Mrs. Maybrick will be released next year on a ticket of leave.

## THE MAN OF THE AT EIGHTY-ONE.

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THE PRINCE SUFFERED GREAT PAIN.

Though He Stood the Ordeal of the Recep-  
tion Heroically, Every Word Spoken  
Caused Neuralgic Spasms of  
the Facial Muscles.

By Henry W. Fischer.

Berlin, April 1.—The celebration of the eighty-first anniversary of the birthday of Prince Otto von Bismarck did not begin before 11 o'clock, as the aged ex-Chancellor now seldom rises much before noon. But long before this hour Friedrichsruh and the Sachsenwald Park was in gala dress.

The weather was auspicious, being brisk and clear, and the roads, which had been thoroughly soaked by the rain and sleet of the previous days, were dried by last night's storm.

It was found necessary to guard the castle gates by a squad of gendarmes, as villagers and strangers were massing in alarming numbers around the castle. As a result, the public was rigidly excluded from the grounds.

At 11 o'clock the bands of the Ratzeburg Chasseurs, the Hamburg Seventy-first Regiment and the Altona Thirty-first arrived, who were admitted inside the gates, and at once began to play a series of popular pieces, which were encored by the enthusiastic crowds outside.

While they were playing the Prince came down to the dining-room, where he was congratulated by the members of his family, and partook sparingly of a sumptuous breakfast.

CARTLOADS OF BIRTHDAY GIFTS.  
After the Prince had finished breakfast he was congratulated by Count von Waldersee and a deputation of officers of the Halberstadt Cultrassiers and the Ratzeburg Chasseurs. Presents arrived throughout the day from all parts of the Empire. They were costly and varied and comprised many samples of special industries.

The Prince, though looking well, suffered intense pains throughout the day. Every word spoken seemed to cause the old Premier neuralgic spasms of the facial muscles. He bore the ordeal of entertaining his festive guests with wonderful heroism, but he was forced to decline nearly all the many deputations which had come to present their congratulatory addresses.

The compulsory absence of the Count Wilhelm and of the wife of Count Herbert, both of whom are seriously ill, caused great disappointment to the Prince and his family.

COUNT HERBERT HAS SORE EYES.

Count Herbert himself came against his physician's advice, as he suffers greatly from sore eyes, and the Sachsenwald

climate at this time of the year is not beneficial to such ailments.

Count von Rantzau, the Prince's son-in-law, seemed to be the happiest man in Friedrichsruh, the Kaiser having created him Privy Councillor to please Bismarck.

The Prince selected Count von Waldersee for exclusive and exclusive conversation. Bismarck said to the reporters present that he would love to see all of his kind friends, high and low, in the Sachsenwald Park and shake hands with every one of them, if he could, but, pointing at Dr. Schweninger, he said, in petulant bonhomie: "I must obey my medical tyrant."

There were no demonstrations in Berlin to speak of. The presents for the Prince came mostly from the seaboard provinces and from Southern Germany.

A JOKE WITH A FATAL ENDING.

Mrs. Murray Tapped on the Window, Lost Her Footing and Fell.

Mrs. Rose Murray, fifty years old, stepped out on the ledge of her window, at No. 639 Hicks street, Brooklyn, yesterday. She tapped at the window of her neighbor, Mrs. William Schmal, to arouse her.

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